

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH

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Welcome and may God's Peace be with you!
If you come to our churches regularly and would like to be part of our Parish family, we would like you to consider registering so that we can be of better service to you.
Registration forms are available in the sacristy.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Welcome . . . you enter these Churches . . . not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. God is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into God's presence, offering God your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and the loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, build these places of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise. Ask God's blessing on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of the labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both on your going out and your coming in.

What you have just read, is what people mean when they say St. Ignatius is my parish." It is obvious that a parish is more than its building. In what way? In the way that faith is expressed in numerous, eloquent and often discreet signs of love. Faith is what energizes us in the Spirit.

Faith is what brings you to our community and what makes us a family in every sense of the word. St. Ignatius is a community where gifts are shared, where problems are confronted and where people are challenged by the Gospel of Christ Jesus. We hope that you will treasure your membership and truly know that St. Ignatius is made richer by your presence.

The following pages are meant as an instrument to let you know how you might become involved and in what way you can serve your parish. We hope that you will find it useful.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a people of diverse backgrounds united by God through the celebration of the Eucharist. We seek to deepen our personal union with Jesus Christ and to grow as a faith community through the Gospels, the teachings of the Catholic Church, and prayer. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we pledge ourselves to pursue this mission by participating in the liturgy, education, evangelization, and social works of the Church, and by accepting our responsibility as Christian stewards.

HISTORY

The Formation of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Somersworth, NH

In September 2001, Bishop of Manchester John B. McCormack formed a Long Range Planning Commission (LRPC) to study parish life and to develop a process that would help ensure all parishes remained vibrant. The result of the initial LRPC process was a plan that would have parishes meet in one of thirty-one “clusters” starting in 2005. The purpose of the cluster meetings was to build relationships among neighboring parishes and to provide a forum for exploring how these parishes could adjust the ministries and resources of the parishes within each cluster.

The parishes and churches in Dover, Barrington, Somersworth and Rollinsford were assigned to Cluster Task Force 21 (CTF 21). Due to dynamics occurring in Dover, the parishes in Somersworth and Rollinsford were allowed to operate independently as a sub-cluster.

On November 30, 2007, the Somersworth/Rollinsford sub-cluster submitted its own proposal to the diocese. The proposal recommended that the two Somersworth parishes be merged into one new parish. The proposal also recommended that St. Mary parish remain an entity by itself, twinned with the new Somersworth parish, meaning it would be served by Somersworth’s pastor but retain its own Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, budget, etc...

By the summer of 2008, Rev. Michael Taylor had replaced Father Pfaff and on June 29, 2008 the diocese issued a letter announcing that Bishop McCormack had accepted the recommendations affecting Somersworth/Rollinsford and that merger plans had been put in place.

During the ensuing year, the various reviews required by canon law were performed and many steps such as converting St. Martin’s bookkeeping system over to that used by Holy Trinity were performed. On April 29, 2009, the parish of St. Ignatius of Loyola was officially chartered and the parishes of St. Martin and Holy Trinity ceased to be diocesan entities.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Individually and collectively, members of our parish give of their time and talents to help our parish achieve its mission of offering service to others. Following are descriptions of some of these opportunities for serving God, our parish, and each other.

I. LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

A) WORSHIP & SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

In addition to three regular weekend Masses (4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:00, 10 :00, and 11:30 a.m.), there is daily Mass at 9 :00 AM, Monday and Tuesday, 7:00 PM Mass on Thursday, and 9:00 AM. on Friday. Also on Friday, Exposition and Benediction is available from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. For Holy Days of Obligation, there is a vigil mass at 5:30 & 7 PM and two Masses on the Holy Day: 12:15 at Holy Trinity Church, and 7 PM at St. Martins. We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism twice a month on Sunday at 1:30 PM. First Communion is celebrated in May. Confirmation is combined with St. Mary's Parish in the spring. Reconciliation is held on Saturday afternoon at 2:30PM, Thursday evening at 6:15 p.m., or by appointment.

B) SPIRITUAL DEVOTIONS

On the first Friday of each month, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

C) EVANGELIZATION

II. MINISTRIES OF THE FAITH

To spread and deepen the faith through teaching, St. Ignatius offers the following ministries of the faith as we recognize our constant need to grow spiritually.

A) RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also

involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. The Rite speaks of conversion as a “spiritual journey.” Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time.

RCIA is a process for non-baptized adults, someone who is a member of another church who is thinking of converting to our church, or an adult who was baptized Catholic, but never received Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

Sessions are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. An inquiry evening is held in September of each year. If anyone is interested in either becoming a member of the team or participating in the process at other times during the year, please call the rectory or the Religious Education Office for further information.

B) RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children is a process similar to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process, adapted for children between the ages of 7 through 17. The process is for those children entering the Catholic faith and for children who have been baptized but have not received formal religious education and/or have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

c) RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Our goal is to work together with our families and help our children learn more about their faith, and also bring them closer to God, through teaching, prayer, family activities, social and community activities. Classes begin in September and end in May. We have a traditional classroom style program for all grades, which includes Kindergarten through grade 10.

Students prepare to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion in grade 2 and students prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in grades 9 & 10. There are special events throughout the year that focus on the different Feasts and Seasons of the Catholic Church.

Kindergarten:	Sunday Morning during the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Martin
Grades 1-5:	Sunday 8:50 – 9:50 AM at St. Martin Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00pm at St. Martin
Grades 6-7-8:	Sunday 6:30 - 7:30pm at Saint Martin
Grades 9 – 10:	Sunday 6:45 – 7:45pm at St. Martin

D) ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Sacred Scholars is an adult Catechetical group dedicated to an in-depth study of the theology, teaching and history of the Church in conformity to the Magisterium. The group is six years old and provides an intellectual and spiritual opportunity for adults to broaden their knowledge of the Catholic Faith and apply this knowledge to their spiritual

lives, their family and community. Subjects covered in this group in the past include an in-depth study of the history and meaning of the Mass, the spiritual applications of C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters*, the history of the Bible in English, the history of biblical authorship, the structure of the Bible and currently the Church and the Bible: the Biblical Documents. In addition to weekly classes, the Scholars have also visited St. Joseph's Cathedral in Manchester, St. Joseph's Monastery in Spencer Massachusetts, attended the Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon Melkite Catholic Church in Manchester, attended a class at UNH discussing medieval documents used in the Church as well as exploring biblical history and Catholic culture in trips to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

F) WEEKLY ROSARY

Rosary is said each week prior to the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturdays at St. Martin and prior to the 7:00 Pm Mass on Thursday at Holy Trinity.

III. MINISTRIES SUPPORTING THE LITURGY

Like Christ Jesus we are committed to offering of ourselves. St. Ignatius offers the following ministries for the support of its parish community.

A) LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

Comprised of parishioners interested in the presentation of the liturgy, organization of special Masses (Christmas, Easter for examples) and anything related to the ceremony of Mass. Liturgical members develop schedules for lectors, eucharistic ministers. The Liturgical Committee meets monthly to plan the accomplishment of tasks.

B) RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS

Our religious education teaching staff is comprised of volunteers who convey to our young the Christian message. Committed people are needed and are well appreciated by the church community for their contributions. Training and supporting materials are available to those willing to undertake this rewarding experience. Interested people should contact the religious education office.

C) BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The purpose of this group is to help bereaved families. The committee provides lunches for the family and friends. All food is prepared fresh the morning of the funeral. Parishioners provide desserts on a rotating basis. We average one funeral per week. Food is served buffet style and a fee per person fed is charged. Anyone is welcome to join the committee. Workers and bakers are always needed. Meetings are not required – only a willingness to help others.

D) LECTORS

The ministry of the lector is to make the Word of God come alive by proclaiming it for the Christian assembly. They take upon themselves the awesome duty and privilege of bringing the printed word to life, making it flesh. Their proclamation enables God's word to achieve the purpose for which it was sent. Lectors are trained in the effective use of the microphone, careful enunciation, sufficient eye contact, appropriate rate of speech and proper movements. Lectors are scheduled on an average of once a month. Their task is to be well prepared and proclaim God's word.

E) ALTAR SERVERS

Once a year, our parish welcomes boys and girls in grade 3 or above to prepare to serve at Mass. All servers go through a training period an hour a month from October through May. Interested boys and girls may pick up an application form in the sacristy after Mass. Server Prefects are servers who have reached eighth grade. They are chosen based on the following criteria: reverence at Mass, consistent attendance when scheduled, leadership and knowledge of the meaning of the Liturgy and the function of servers. Prefects attend four training meetings in November, January and March in order to prepare them to mentor new and younger servers and to increase their knowledge of their role at Mass.

F) USHERS

Ushers help at Mass by making people feel welcome and attending to any special needs. They also help by arranging for the gifts to be brought to the altar during Offertory, assist the youth ushers with the collection baskets, assist with seating at crowded Masses and picking up the bulletins after Masses. Ushers are scheduled once a month.

G) MUSIC PROGRAM

Adult Saint Ignatius Choir

The following musical groups are all under the direction of Jonathan Cote.

Comprised of 25 – 30 members, the choir sings in 2, 3, or 4 part harmony. Open to anyone who loves to sing, can carry a tune and has the ability to sing in parts: soprano, alto, tenor and bass. The choir sings once a month, plus all feasts and special occasions – about 15 times a year.

Cantors

A prerequisite to becoming a cantor is that you must be a member of the choir. Cantors lead the congregation 2 or 3 times a month.

2 quartets

A prerequisite to being part of the 2 quartets is that you must be a member of the choir.

Junior Choir

Children from grades 2 through 8 make up the junior choir. Members should be able to carry a tune. The children sing at selected Masses. Rehearsals are weekly and the children prepare from September to May.

Special youth Christmas Choir under the direction of Jonathan Cote

Children from grades 2 though 8 make up the special junior Christmas choir. Members rehearse in November and December and sing at the special Christmas Youth Mass.

IV. SOCIAL MINISTRIES

The following are St. Ignatius of Loyola's "Social Ministries" in which we celebrate fellowship. We welcome you and encourage you to join us in sharing these ministries with one another as a community of believers.

A) PARISH BREAKFAST

The Parish breakfast is held the second Sunday of every month from September through April. The breakfast committee sets up the night before the breakfast is held. Kitchen helpers start to work either at 6:00 a.m., 6:30 a.m. or 8:00 a.m. to serve breakfast in the St. Martins Church Hall. Work is usually done by 12:30 p.m. Volunteers also help by shopping, washing dishes and cleaning up. Volunteers can help once or on a monthly basis. This is a great way to get involved on a limited basis.

B) FELLOWSHIP

Donuts and coffee are served the fourth Sunday of every month in the St. Martin Church Hall after the 10:00 a.m. mass except for December, July and August.

C) DINNER

The Parish dinner is held the third Saturday of every month from September through April in the St. Martins Church Hall. The dinner committee sets up the night before the dinner is held. Volunteers also help by shopping, washing dishes and cleaning up. Volunteers can help once or on a monthly basis.

D) CHRISTMAS FAIRS

The Christmas Fairs are yearlong planning events. These are significant fundraisers for the parish and are a wonderful way for our parish family to work together while having a good time. The proceeds are used for the general funds and various projects throughout the year. Every contribution of time or talent combines to make the fairs successful. St. Martins Christmas Fair is held in October. Holy Trinity's Holiday Craft Fair is held the 2nd weekend of November.

E) KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS L/CL PAUL R. LEHOULLIER COUNCIL #2078

Catholic men aged 18 and over are welcome to become a part of this organization, also known as the "Right Arm of the Church." The Knights of Columbus meet once a month on the first Sunday evening in the St. Martin Church Hall. They pledge charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism through the ministries they work for in the community. The members are affiliated with six local churches.

F) BOY SCOUT TROUP 195

St. Martin Church currently supports Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troup 195. Cub Scouts for boys from 1st grade through 5th grade, and Boy Scouts for boys age 11 through 18. Monthly pack meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Martins Church Hall.

Cub Scouting is typically done in homes of den leaders with boys in the same grade level. They work on crafts, physical fitness, citizenship, and outdoor skills. The entire group meets monthly at the St. Martin Church Hall for group events. Some of the Cub Scout Pack program includes Halloween Party, Pinewood Race Car Derby, Fishing Derby and Scout fitness competition. The highlight of the program is Boy Scout day camp and Cub Scout resident camp at Camp Carpenter. Summer camp scouts experience archery, BB gun shooting, swimming, crafts and sports competition.

Boys learn essential skills they will need when attending outdoor scouting events. Boy Scouting instills citizenship, community service, and high moral standards with the program. In addition to weekly meetings, there is camping, hiking, educational trips to historic areas and local education.

Boy Scouts work on 1 of 36 monthly themes from first aid and emergency preparedness, to winter camping and wilderness survival. Each month the boys work toward a large event planned by them with adult guidance and supervision. There is also time for games and competition within the troop. Boy Scouts attend competitions with other troops from the area 3 times yearly to evaluate their skills. At these events they work in groups called patrols to solve field problems on which they are scored. These events involve overnight camping and cooking. They also attend summer camp to earn merit badges and learn scouting skills that help them to advance in rank. Boy Scout summer camps involve rifle shooting, archery, sailing, rowing, canoeing, hiking, kayaking, swimming, lifesaving and high ropes courses. Boys can choose from over 100 merit badge opportunities.

If you are interested in more information or joining please contact Tom Sheehan at 692-2898 for Cub Scouts or David Simms at 81709964 or Ian MacDonald at 692-0938 for Boy Scouts.

G) CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

Information regarding this group is found in our weekly parish bulletin.

H) INDONESIAN MASS

St. Ignatius Parish welcome our Indonesian parishioners with a special celebration of the Mass in the Indonesian language on the second and fourth Sunday at 9:00 AM at Holy Trinity Church. All are welcome.

I) FOOD PANTRY

St. Ignatius of Loyola is one of six churches sponsoring The Community Food Pantry which is physically located at First Parish United Church of Christ at 176 West High Street. As a sponsoring activity, St. Ignatius provides a member on the pantry's Board of Directors, and several volunteers who assist the pantry in many ways. Food, donated by parishioners, is collected on an on-going basis at the entrances to both churches.

J) TABLE OF PLENTY

In an effort to reach out to the hungry, St. Ignatius parish volunteers to prepare and serve meals at the local food kitchen once a month.

K) PARISH BRUNCH

The Parish brunch is held the first Sunday of every month from September through April in the Holy Trinity Church Hall. The brunch committee sets up the night before the brunch is held. Volunteers also help by shopping, washing dishes and cleaning up. Volunteers can help once or on a monthly basis. Brunch is held from 11:30 to 1 PM.

IV. COMMITTEES

The following are St. Ignatius of Loyola's "Committees" in place to assist the Pastor in the operation of the Parish.

A) FINANCE

B) BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Don Houde)

C) CEMETARY

Our parish has two cemeteries, Holy Trinity Cemetery with entrance on Bartlett Avenue and Mt. Calvary Cemetery with entrance on Maple Street. Mt. Calvary Cemetery also has a columbarium for the placement of cremated remains. Cemetery records and the cemetery office is located at the parish office at 404 High Street which is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or by appointment, if necessary. Most area funeral directors are completely familiar with the arrangements required for burials and our burial requirements are typical of Catholic cemeteries.

Weather permitting, we hold a Stations of the Cross at Mt. Calvary Cemetery on Good Friday.

Our cemeteries are the resting places for the remains of our beloved dead who are awaiting the resurrection of the body on the final day. Accordingly, it is not a place of recreation or athletic activity. Visitors are requested to conduct themselves with dignity and respect. In general, temporary flowers and decorations are permitted only on monuments or their foundations to enable us to maintain the cemeteries' grounds properly. A complete set of cemetery rules and regulations are available at the Cemetery Office.

D) WELCOMING COMMITTEE

E) SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The social committee is comprised of parishioners interested in organizing social activities for the parish.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Liturgy of the Eucharist	Saturday 4 PM at St. Martins Church Saturday 5:30 PM at Holy Trinity Church Sunday 7 AM at Holy Trinity Church Sunday 8:30 AM at St. Mary Church, Rollinsford, NH Sunday 10 AM at St. Martins Church Sunday 11:30 AM at Holy Trinity Church
Daily Mass Schedule	Monday 9 AM at St. Martins Church Tuesday 9 AM at Holy Trinity Church Wednesday 9 AM at St. Mary Church, Rollinsford, NH Thursday 7 PM at Holy Trinity Church Friday 9 AM at St. Martins Church
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday 2: 30 PM at St. Martins Church Thursday 6:15 PM at Holy Trinity Church By Appointment
Sacrament of Baptism	Sunday afternoon at 1:30
Sacrament of Matrimony	Diocesan Policy states that arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to date of marriage.

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH STAFF

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Janet Jacobson, Director of Religious Education & RCIA

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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POINTS OF CONTACT

If you would like more information on Parish activities and committees contact the individuals identified below.

<u>Committee Name</u>	<u>POC</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Altar Servers	Ron Cormier	
Bereavement	Joan Spellman	
Boy Scouts	Tom Argue	
Catholic War Veterans	Richard LaBonte	
Christmas Fair(s)	Nan Munck, Denise Gauthier	
Fellowship	Office	
Food Pantry	Office	
In Mary's Company	Eleanor Dorr	
Knights of Columbus	Paul Dubois	
Lectors	Office	
Music	Jonathan	
Parish Breakfast	David Roberge	
Parish Brunch	Eric Mommsen	
Parish Dinner	Paul DuBois	
Picnics	F. X. Bruton	
Social	Office	
Table of Plenty	Office	
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